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MANAGING METHOD

Group: 2133

Examiner: N. Khoshnoodi

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The present application has pending claims 8-13.

The following is in response to the July 28, 2005 Office Action.

In the above noted Office Action the Examiner again rejected claims 8-11 and 13 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiegel (U.S. Patent No. 6,484,261) and further in view of Grimm (U.S. Patent No. 6,317,868); and again rejected claim 12 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiegel, Grimm and further in Cert (the article entitled "CERT'S CC Vendor-Initiated Bulletins 1994-1998"). These rejections are traversed for the following reasons. Applicants submit that the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in claims 8-13 are not taught or suggested by Wiegel, Grimm or Cert whether taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore,